[*Translation*]

Agreement with Nepal on Water Resources

3164. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks have been held with Nepal for Co-operation in the field of water resources during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been arrived at in this regard; and

(c) the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). Talks for co-operation in the field of water resources management have been held during the last three years – last time between Prime Ministers of Nepal and India at Delhi in December 1991. It was agreed that project parameters for Karnali multi-purpose project shall be finalised expeditiously. A detailed project report for Pancheshwar multi-purpose project shall be prepared jointly by October, 1992. Joint studies/investigations necessary to finalise the parameters of the Kosi High Dam Project would be carried out expeditiously. Nepal will carry out the needed investigations and prepare the feasibility report of the schemes of construction of storage reservoirs on Kamla and Bagmati by 1993. It was also agreed to work out cost effective proposals, for extension of embankments at the border along the rivers Kamla, Bagmati, Lal Bakaiya and Khandu for implementation with financial assistance from India.

[*English*]

Construction of ITDC Hotel at Farakka

3165. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITDC propose to develop Farakka, West Bengal as a tourist site;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ITDC is constructing a hotel there;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made so far in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e). Do not arise.

Revival of Vayudoot Services

3166. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vayudoot services closed down during 1990 and 1991;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) whether the Government propose to revive such closed routes; and

(d) if so, the details of such routes and when these are likely to be restarted?